

**Dr. F. M. Canseco School of Nursing
College of Nursing and Health Sciences**



**UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT HANDBOOK
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TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY
LAREDO, TEXAS**

Old BSN Curriculum

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B. DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

1. **Hours Required:** A minimum of **120** semester credit hours (SCH): 45 hours must be advanced, and fulfillment of degree requirements as specified in the “Requirements for Graduation” and the Dr. F.M. Canseco School of Nursing sections of this catalog.
2. **University Core Curriculum:** **42** SCH as outlined in the suggested plans and as specified in the Requirements for Graduation. Wellness/Activity requirements met within nursing courses.
3. **Other Education Requirements:** **12** SCH including BIOL 2415/2421, 2102, any 4 SCH chemistry with lab and MATH 1342.
4. **Major:** **66** SCH including NURS 1302, 2212, 2310, 2313, 2414, 3305, 3315, 3525, 3526, 3558, 3665, 4170, 4263, 4290, 4340, 4522, 4570, and 4665.

C. BASIC BSN COURSE DESCRIPTION & CURRICULUM

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Nursing courses (NURS)

NURS [1302](#) Cultural Determinants of Health Behavior

NURS [2212](#) Foundations of Professional Nursing

NURS [2310](#) Nutrition

NURS [2313](#) Basic Nursing Skills

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D. CURRICULUM: BASIC BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING DEGREE PLAN

FALL			SPRING			SUMMER		
English I	ENGL 1301	3	English II	ENGL 1302	3	Math STATS	MATH 1342	3
A&P I	BIOL 2301	3	A&P II	BIOL 2302	3	National Govt	PSCI 2305	3
A&P I	BIOL LAB 2101	1	A&P II	BIOL LAB 2102	1	History I	HIST 1301	3
College Algebra or higher		3	Fine Arts		3	Survey of Literature/	Philosophy	3
Psychology	PSYC 2301 or	3	Culture	NURS 1302 (WIN) ** only TAMIU	3			
Growth & Dev	PSYC 2314		Public Speaking/Foreign Language		3			
UNIV 1101		1	UNIV 1102		1			
		14			17			12
			PRE-NURSING COURSEWORK					
State Govt	PSCI 2306	3	** NURS 2212 Foundations		2			
History II	HIST 1302	3	** NURS 2313 Basic Nursing Skills		3			
Microbiology	BIOL 2415 or BIOL 2421	4	** NURS 2414 Pathophysiology & Pharmacology		4			
Chemistry*		4	**NURS 2310 Nutrition		3			
* 4 hour chemistry: General Chemistry, Survey of Chemistry								
		14			12			
CLINICAL NURSING COURSES			NURS 3305 Scholarly Inquiry and Evidence Based Nursing (WIN)		3			
NURS 3315 Health Assessment		3	NURS 3526 Child Health Nursing		5			
NURS 3525 Childbearing Nursing		5	NURS 3558 Psychosocial Nursing		5			
NURS 3665 Adult Health Nursing I		6						
		14			13			
NURS 4263 Ethics and Legal Issues in Nursing		2	NURS 4170 Professional Nursing Role Preceptorship		1			
NURS 4522 Community Health Nursing		5	NURS 4290 Senior Nursing Seminar		2			
NURS 4665 Adult Health Nursing II		6	NURS 4340 Global Health Nursing - Capstone course / (WIN)		3			
			NURS 4570 Nursing Care of the Critically III Across the Lifespan		5			
		13			11	TOTAL: 120		

****Students are eligible for admission to clinical nursing courses when the following requirements have been met; however meeting these requirements does not guarantee acceptance into the nursing program only consideration.**

E. RN/BSN COURSE DESCRIPTION & CURRICULUM

RN/BSN Nursing courses (NURN): The RN/BSN track in the CSON facilitates nurses, who have either an Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) or a diploma in nursing, to compete the requirements for a Bachelor's of Science in Nursing.

NURN [3302](#) Cultural Determinants of Health Behavior

NURN [3315](#) Health Assessment

NURN [3405](#) Scholarly Inquiry and Evidence Based Nursing (WIN)

NURN [3414](#) Pathophysiology and Pharmacology

NURN [3590](#) Nurse Role and Practice Transition (WIN)

NURN [4263](#) Ethics and Legal Issues in Nursing

NURN [4299](#) Nursing Issues

NURN [4340](#) Global Health Nursing (WIN)

NURN [4522](#) Community Health Nursing

NURN [4670](#) Nursing Care of the Critically Ill Across the Lifespan

E. CURRICULUM: BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING TRANSFER ADN to BSN (RN/BSN)

FALL			SPRING			SUMMER		
English I	ENGL 1301	3	English II	ENGL 1302	3	Math STATS	MATH 1342	3
A&P I	BIOL 2301	3	A&P II	BIOL 2302	3	National Govt	PSCI 2305	3
A&P I	BIOL LAB 2101	1	A&P II	BIOL LAB 2102	1	History I	HIST 1301	3
College Algebra or higher		3	Fine Arts		3	Survey of Literature/ Philosophy		3
Psychology	PSYC 2301 or	3	Public Speaking		3			
Growth & Dev	PSYC 2314		*Foreign Language/lab hr.		1			
		13			14			12
State Govt	PSCI 2306	3	NURN 3302 Cultural Determinants (WIN) ** (only TAMIU)		3	NURN 3590 Nurse Role & Practice Transition (WIN)		5
History II	HIST 1302	3	NURS 3405 Scholarly Inquiry and Evidence Based Nursing (WIN)		4			
Microbiology	BIOL 2415 or BIOL 2421	4	NURN 3414 Pathophysiology and Pharmacology		4			
					11			5
NURN 3315 Health Assessment		3	NURN 4340 Global Health Nursing (WIN)		3	Core Nursing Core Requirements		42
NURN 4263 Ethical & Legal Issues in Nursing		2	NURN 4670 Nursing Care of the Critically Ill Across the Lifespan		6	**Credit by Transfer TAMIU Nursing		35
NURN 4522 Community Health Nursing		5	NURN 4299 Nursing Issues		2			37
		10			11	TOTAL		120

*Will need to take or CLEP Foreign Language or use prior lab credits to fulfill the component area.

**Upon successful completion of the NURN 3590, 34 credits (10 upper-division and 24 lower-division) will be transferred in for previous nursing coursework.

F. SEQUENCE OF COURSES

1. BASIC BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING DEGREE PLAN

Following is one suggested four-year degree plan. Students are encouraged to see their advisor each semester for help with program decisions and enrollment. Students are responsible for reviewing the Program of Study Requirements and the requirements of the Dr. F. M. Canseco School of Nursing.

FRESHMAN YEAR						
FALL			HRS	SPRING		HRS
ENGL 1301	English Composition I	3	ENGL 1302	English Composition II	3	
BIOL 2301	Anatomy & Physiology I	3	BIOL 2302	Anatomy & Physiology II	3	
BIOL 2101	Anatomy & Physiology Lab	1	BIOL 2102	Anatomy & Physiology Lab	1	
MATH 1314	College Algebra	3		Fine Arts***	3	
PSYC 2301	Intro to Psychology	3	NURS 1302	Cultural Determinants¹(WIN)	3	
PSYC 2312	/ Growth & Dev			Public Speaking/ Foreign Language*	3	
UNIV 1101	Learning in a Global Context I	1	UNIV 1102	Learning in a Global Context II	1	
Total			14	Total		17
SUMMER						HRS
			MATH1342	Introductory Statistics	3	
			PSCI 2305	American National Government	3	
			HIST I 1301	The U.S. to 1877	3	
			ENGL	Survey of Literature*	3	
Total					12	

SOPHOMORE YEAR						
FALL			HOURS	SPRING		HOURS
PRE-NURSING COURSEWORK						
PSCI 2306	American State Government	3	NURS 2212	** Foundations of Professional Nursing	2	
HIST II 1302	The U.S. Since 1877	3	NURS 2310	Nutrition	3	
BIOL 2415	Microbiology	4	NURS 2313	** Basic Nursing Skills	3	
CHEM	Chemistry	4	NURS 2414	** Pathophysiology & Pharmacology	4	
* 4 hour chemistry: General Chemistry, Survey of Chemistry						
Total			14	Total		12

JUNIOR YEAR					
	FALL	HOURS		SPRING	HOURS
NURS 3315	Health Assessment	3	NURS 3305	Scholarly Inquiry and Evidenced Based Nursing	3
NURS 3525	Childbearing Nursing	5	NURS 3526	Child Health Nursing	5
NURS 3665	Adult Health I	6	NURS 3558	Psychosocial Nursing	5
Total		14	Total		13

SENIOR YEAR					
	FALL	HOURS		SPRING	HOURS
NURS 4263	Ethical & Legal issues in Nursing	2	NURS 4170	Professional Nursing Role Preceptorship	1
NURS 4522	Community Health Nursing	5	NURS 4290	Senior Nursing Seminar	2
NURS 4665	Adult Health II	6	NURS 4340	Global Health Nursing	3
			NURS 4570	Nursing Care of the Critically Ill	5
Total		13	Total		11

TOTAL SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS: 120

All courses required for completion of the basic Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree can be completed in four calendar years of full time study, including eight long semesters and one summer. The ten nursing courses required for completion of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing for Registered Nurses can be completed in three long semesters and one summer of full time study. Information on tuition, fees, and length of program can be found on the University web site. The School of Nursing is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc., 3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 500, Atlanta, GA 30326, P. 404.975.5000, F. 404.975.5020, www.acenursing.org.

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**Upon successful completion of the NURN 3590, 34 credits (10 upper-division and 24 lower-division) will be transferred in for previous nursing coursework

***See the [University Core Curriculum Requirements in Appendix A](#) for approved list of course options. *Actual degree plans may vary depending on availability of courses in a given semester. Some courses may require prerequisites not listed.*

2. BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING (RN/BSN)

Registered Nurse students are admitted in the spring semester on a full-time basis and upon completion of all core coursework. Students are responsible for reviewing the Program of Study Requirements and the requirements of the Dr. F.M. Canseco School of Nursing.

SOPHOMORE YEAR					
FALL			SPRING		
		HOURS			HOURS
ENGL 1301	English Composition I	3	ENGL 1302	English Composition II	3
BIOL 2301	Anatomy & Physiology I	3	BIOL 2302	Anatomy & Physiology II	3
BIOL 2101	Anatomy & Physiology Lab	1	BIOL 2102	Anatomy & Physiology Lab	1
MATH 1314	College Algebra	3		Fine Arts***	3
PSYC 2301	Intro to Psychology / Growth & Dev	3		Public Speaking	3
				Foreign / Language lab hr.	1
	Total	13		Total	14
			SUMMER		
			MATH1342	Introductory Statistics	3
			PSCI 2305	American National Government	3
			HIST I 1301	The U.S. to 1877	3
			ENGL	Survey of Literature	3
				Total	12

JUNIOR YEAR					
FALL			SPRING		
		HOURS			HOURS
PSCI 2306	American State Government	3	NURN 3302	Cultural Determinants (WIN)	3
HIST II 1302	The U.S. Since 1877	3	NURN 3405	Scholarly Inquiry	4
BIOL 2415	Microbiology	4	NURN 3414	Pathophysiology and Pharmacology	4
	Total	10		Total	11
			SUMMER		
			NURN 3590	Nurse Role & Practice Transition (WIN)	5
				Total	5

SENIOR YEAR					
	FALL	HOURS		SPRING	HOURS
NURN 4263	Ethics & Legal Issues in Nursing	2	NURN 4299	Nursing Issues	2
NURN 3315	Health Assessment	3	NURN 4330	Global Health Nsg (WIN)	3
NURN 4522	Community Health Nursing	5	NURN 4670	Nursing Care of the Critically Ill Across the Lifespan	6
	Total	10		Total	11

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G. THEORY AND CLINIC LABORATORY HOURS

Credit hour allocation follows the standard university ratio of one semester credit hour for one clock hour of class time and one semester credit hour for every three clock hours of clinical experience. One course, NURS 3315 Health Assessment has a ratio of two clock hours of intensive laboratory experience to one course credit. The reason for a different ratio for this health assessment laboratory is the intensity of the clinical laboratory experience in contrast to a field clinical experience.

Nursing is a practice discipline, requiring substantial hands-on clinical experience in support of classroom learning. Beginning students require more background classroom learning and supportive laboratory instruction, whereas advanced students require increased hours of clinical field experience in preparation for transition to the nursing workplace.

H. FIELD OF STUDY CURRICULUM FOR NURSING

The Canseco School of Nursing adheres to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board [Field of Study Curriculum for Nursing](#).